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TOPICS OF THE TIME.

CONTRARY to all the teachings of Sun-

day-school literature, a Pennsylvania lad

has fallen upon prosperity by going fish-

ing on Sunday. He didn't catch any fish,

but he saved a wealthy gentleman from

drowning, and has had a ten thousand

dollar bank account started for him by

the grateful survivor.

ONE of the singular coincidences of

these centennial times is the wonderful

eruption of persons of very advanced

ages. When have we ever heard that

there were so many people in the land

who have passed their fourscore and ten,

and even fiftyscore years, as during the

last few months? Centennial matters have

even had an inspiring effect and stirred

the old folks into a little self-satis-

faction.

A NOVEL theory of the formation of

the aurora borealis has been advanced

by J. H. Groneman in the German

Astronomische Nachrichten. He suggests

that there may be fragments and particles

of magnetic substances, such as nickel

and iron, moving around the sun, which

are rendered incandescent by friction

upon entrance into the earth's atmos-

phere, and then become visible in the

form of aurora light.

THERE should be cheap bread for the

poor next winter. The crop reports from

England and the European continent be-

come more and more favorable as the sea-

son advances. In France the wheat is

growing luxuriantly and promises well

for the present harvest, and this applies

to all parts of that country, as well as Ger-

many, Hungary and the Southern prov-

ince of Russia. In none of these coun-

tries has any injury been experienced,

either from early frosts or late drouths.

The Bishop of Verdun, France, is of

the opinion that we have had a surfeit of

miraculous appearances and cures. A so-

called "miraculous" appearance of the

Virgin Mary was said to have occurred

at Cleppin, in the Bishop's diocese, and

he promptly published a card discredit-

ing the story of the appearance, and

pronouncing the "cures" pure fabrications.

He also took occasion to say that the

clergy disapprove of these manifesta-

tions.

ROCHESTER Cathedral, one of the three

earliest of English churches, was getting

into a wretchedly dilapidated condition,

when in 1871 the Dean and Chapter took

the matter to heart, and now the old

monument has been restored. There re-

main still traces of the original struc-

ture; but the entire church seems to have

been rebuilt in Norman style, and despite

the alterations of modern barbarians, the

have still remain Norman to this day.

IN reply to an inquiry of General Geo.

Cook, commander of the War Depart-

ment, as to what should be done with

miners already in the Black Hills country,

and those thereafter found there, the

following dispatch was received, through

General Sherman, and Sheridan, from

Thomas M. Vincent, A. A. G.: "Re-

ferring to your dispatch of the 3d inst,

the President directs that you issue the

necessary orders to continue to keep peo-

ple from going to the Black Hills, at least

until the result of the labors of the com-

mission to treat with the Indians is

known."

AN English medical journal has ac-

complished what has already been

thought an impossible task—numbering

the hairs of the head. It announces that

there are from 160,000 to 200,000 hairs in

every man's head, and that the number

varies by relating an incident which it

says happened to M. Nilsen during his

residence in New York City. She was

at a fancy fair, and an admirer asked

her the price of a single hair from her

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